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Satellite radio, specifically XM Satellite radio, provides an invaluable service in the form of its instant traffic and weather offering. As a customer of XM, I purchased the service in support of the frequent lengthy trips that my family and I make via automobile. The ability to instantly access local information makes our travels safer and far more convenient. Further, their programming variety and accessibility is unparalleled and is far superior to local AM/FM services across the vast majority of the markets in the Southeastern United States. Given that XM is a pay-for-use service, in my opinion, limiting the content that they can offer stifles competition and is counter culture to the business environment that we promote in the United States. I respectfully urge that NAB petition 04-160 be rejected thereby permitting XM and other satellite service providers to continue to expand their offerings.

Respectfully,

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